

DETAILED ACTION

1. The Amendments and Applicant Arguments submitted on 07/08/09 have been received and its contents have been carefully considered. The examiner wishes to thank the Applicant for the response to the Examiner's action and for amending the claims in the appropriate manner.

Claims 1 and 5 are cancelled.

Claims 2-4 and 6-11 are pending for examination.

Drawings

2. The objections to the drawings have been removed in response to the Applicant's Amendments.

Specification

3. The objection to the specification has been removed in response to the Applicant's Amendments.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The rejection to claim 4 under 35 USC 112 has been removed in response to Applicant's Amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2-4 and 6-11 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The cited prior art do not teach or suggest a device or method comprising a power failure phase contact portion which is connected when an electric power supply is cut, and a power feeding phase contact portion which is operated based on an input of an electrical signal and has an operating speed higher than that of the power failure phase contact portion as recited in claims 4 and 8. The combinations of the claimed limitations in the independent claims 4 and 8 are not anticipated or made obvious by the prior art of record in the examiner's opinion.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kawing Chan whose telephone number is (571)270-3909. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Walter Benson can be reached on 571-272-2227. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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